



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Timothy J. Kugel

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to plurality distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species in claims 4 and 5 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes that claim 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, in claim 4, Applicant elects SbF_6^- and in claim 5, Applicant elects naphthalene-1,5-disulfonic acid.

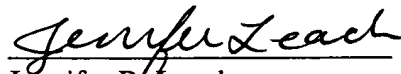
Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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